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First Green Dot Awards Held on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at the SmogShoppe

Los Angeles, CA - (Monday, April 27, 2009) - The first annual Green Dot Awards was held on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22 to capacity at the SmogShoppe, a LEED Platinum urban event space in Los Angeles. Over 200 people attended the event from local Los Angeles "green" trendsetters and entrepreneurs to the international Green Dot Award winners themselves from Africa, Italy, Turkey, London, Ireland and Brazil.

The ceremony was hosted by Boise Thomas of "Alter Eco" on Discovery Channel's Planet Green. "It was an honor to be a part of this evening celebrating the achievements of the green business community. Acknowledging people who don't seek any credit nor want to be recognized. They just want to make a difference. The innovation, forward thinking and practical solutions of genius business people coupled with a commitment to leaving this planet better than the way we got it made hosting this event my pleasure. I wish all of the first year winners much success and other than planting a tree, picking up trash or working toward cleaner water for all... it was the perfect way to conclude Earth Day 2009."

Other green celebrity presenters included: Darren Moore, the eco-MacGyver also of "Alter Eco" and ecovations, Sarah Backhouse of G Living, Steven Starr documentary filmmaker of *FLOW: For the Love of Water* and the Academy Award nominated *The Garden* and Melanie St. James, founder of Empowerment Works, a global sustainability Think Tank among others. The Green Dot Awards of Excellence were given to Stephan McGuire with the Visionary Award for his work producing the *11th Hour* and his work as founder of Coalition for a Sustainable Africa. Founders of Opportunity Green, Karen Solomon and Mike Flynn, received the Award of Excellence for Community + Policy. The Green Magazine of the Year was awarded to National Geographic's Green Guide.

Winners of the 2008 competition:

Transportation : Designnobis for "Volitan"

Design and Build : Designer, David Hughes/Larnrod Eireann for Kent Railway Station

Products : The Firewinder Company for Firewinder, Original Windlight

Services : Barkley Court Reporters for "Barkley Goes Green"

Entertainment and Culture : Tammy Cromer-Campbell for Fruit of the Orchard

Other, Sustainable Practices : Wind Simplicity Inc. for Wind Simplicity Windancer

Concept : CAMS Group, Sweet Sorghum Ethanol and Power

Hossein Farmani, founder of the Green Dot Awards, recognized that the growing consumer and corporate demand for environmentally responsible and innovative

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advancements in products, projects and services deserves to be honored. The Green Dot Awards aims to accomplish this.

The Green Dot Awards is currently accepting submissions for the 2009 competition. For more information, visit > www.greendotawards.com.

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